

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated November 15, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 13-17 are pending after the Response to Restriction Requirement.

In the Office Action, claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,593,992 to Chin et al.

Applicants amend claim 13 to incorporate one of the allowable features of allowed claim 14. The rejection of claims 13-17 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 13-17 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements recited in claim 13 including, for example, “a second seal pattern printer forming at least one second seal pattern on a second panel region of the base substrate by a second printing method”. None of the cited references including Chin, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Chin discloses that a dummy seal pattern is formed on a dummy region, not “a second panel region of the base substrate” as recited in claim 13. Thus, Chin does not teach or suggest all of the features as recited in the claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 13 and claims 14-17, which depend from claim 13, are allowable over the cited references.


Applicants believe the foregoing discussion places the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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